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SUBJ: PRESIDENT DAOUD'S INTERVIEW WITH EAST GERMAN CORRESPONDENT

REF: A) KABUL 3398; B) A-59 OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1973.

1. INTERVIEW GRANTED BY PRESIDENT DAOUD TO DR. KOEHLER,
CORRESPONDENT FOR EAST GERMAN "HORIZON", LAST WEEK MADE
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2. DAOUD CITED TWO OBJECTIVES OF REPUBLIC IN FIRST YEAR; STABILIZATION OF REPUBLIC AND SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FORMER CONSIDERED ACHIEVED. IN DISCUSSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, DAOUD CITED SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDIA, AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AS COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SENT ECONOMIC MISSIONS AND WITH WHOM ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

3. WHILE DAOUD EVADED DIRECT ANSWER WHETHER NEW CONSTITUTION WILL EMBODY MULTI OR SINGLE PARTY SYSTEM, DID STATE THAT STUDY OF SIMILAR COUNTRIES AND AFGHANISTAN'S "OWN BITTER EXPERIENCES" SHOW THAT MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM "CREATES PROBLEMS AND AT TIMES BLOCKS ADVANCEMENT."

4. DAOUD STATED AFGHANISTAN WILL HAVE GUIDED ECONOMY WITH STATE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF MINES, ENERGY SOURCES, BASIC HEAVY INDUSTRIES, AND PRICING AND ADMINISTRATION OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION. SMALL PRIVATE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIES ARE TO OPERATE WITHIN LEGAL FRAMEWORK "ENSURING BENEFITS TO PEOPLE."

5. AT CLOSE OF INTERVIEW DAOUD REITERATED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF TIES, AND MENTIONED SOVIET ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS FURTHER CONSOLIDATING RELATIONS.

6. COMMENT: INTERVIEW GRANTED TO EAST GERMAN CORRESPONDENT OBVIOUSLY TIMED WITH DAOUD'S DEPARTURE TO MOSCOW JUNE 4 IN MIND. DAOUD'S STATEMENT ON GUIDED ECONOMY MOST EXPLICIT SINCE AUGUST 23, 1973 JESHYN SPEECH (REF B). NOTABLE BY ITS ABSENCE IS ANY REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN OVER PASHTUNISTAN ISSUE.

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